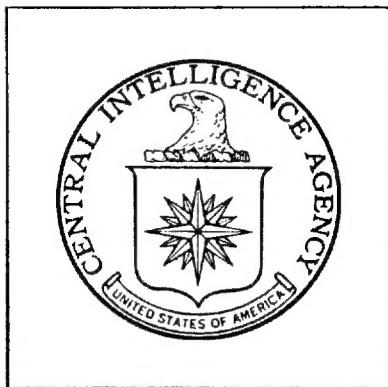


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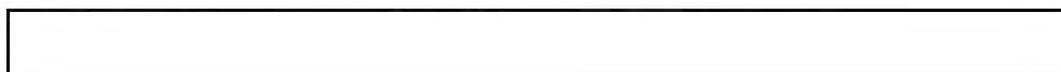


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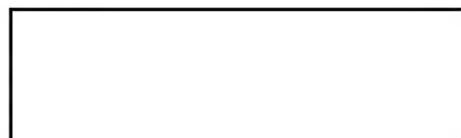
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SUMMARY

A significant increase in activity and a probable functional change is observed at the military installation in Nizhneudinsk (Siberian MD) since [REDACTED]. Seventeen previously observed static display aircraft have been removed and approximately 400 vehicles are newly observed.

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Approximately 600 of the 800-850 vehicles observed at the Dauriya Army Barracks in [REDACTED] are not observed on this mission. Two possible explanations are: a) the vehicles are now parked under cover in recently completed vehicle storage buildings; or b) they have been relocated at another area.

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Two new graded earth airfields approximately 11,000 feet in length are observed in the Choybalsan, Mongolia area. Both are new since [REDACTED]. A total of four new airfields have been observed in Mongolia during 1967--all apparently having a military function.

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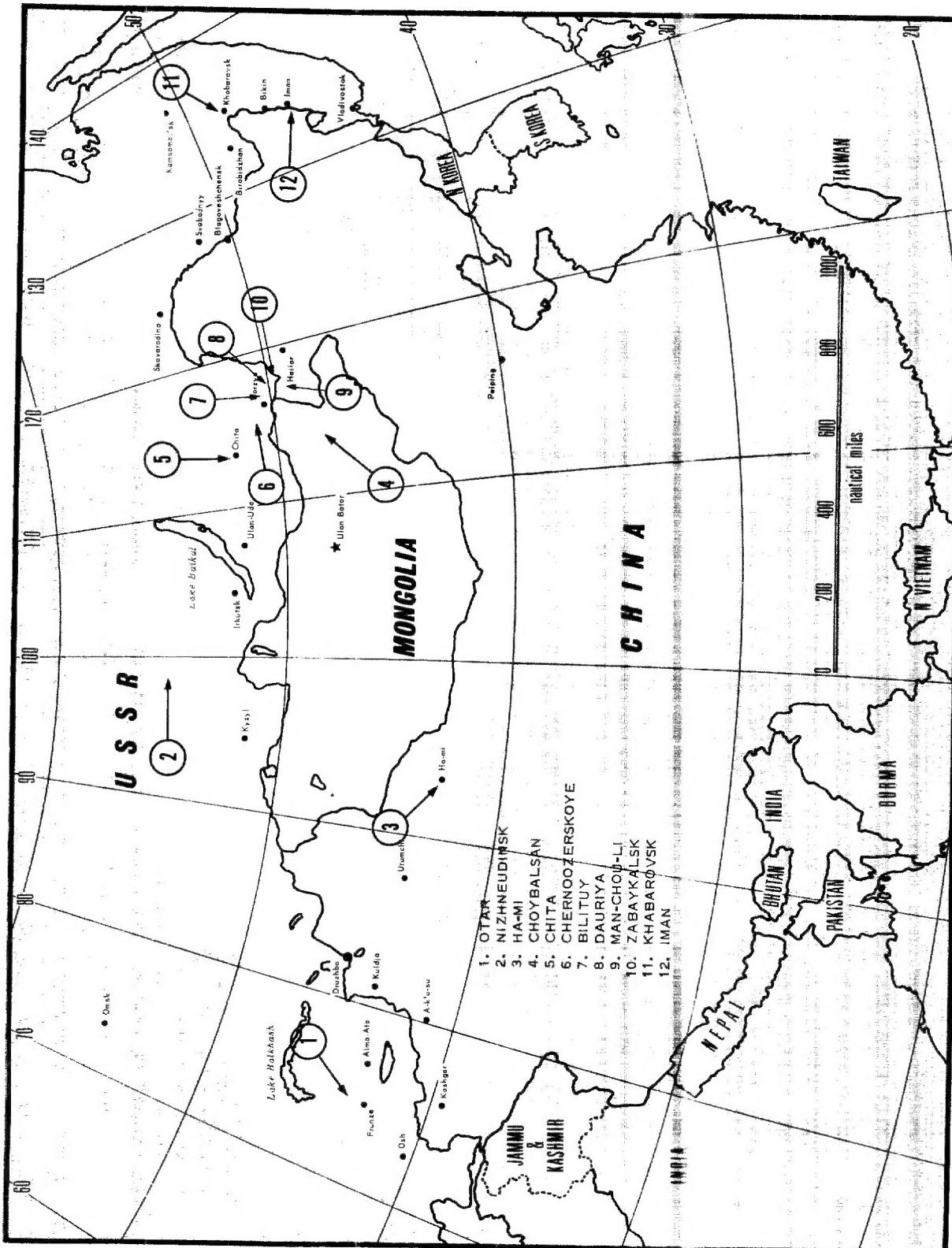


FIGURE 1. SINO-SOVIET/SINO-MONGOLIAN BORDER ACTIVITY

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INTRODUCTION

This report contains information obtained from an analytical search of all photography from [redacted] falling within 150 nautical miles (nm) of the Sino-Soviet/Sino-Mongolian Border (additional significant items within 300 nm may also be included). 25X1

The information presented herein is primarily related to significant changes in the types and/or levels of military activity observed within the specified search area. Significant changes to non-military categories of activity are also included.

Figure 1 illustrates the geographical area of concern and locates the areas described in this report.

The substantive information reported is arranged numerically by World Aeronautical Chart.

WAC 160

Nizhneudinsk Army Barracks, USSR, [redacted] (54-54N 099-03E). A significant increase in activity is observed at this installation since comparative photography of [redacted]. This increased activity consists of approximately 400 unidentified vehicles observed in an open parking area on the southern edge of the barracks area. 25X1 25X1

An analysis of [redacted] photography reveals the presence of an undetermined number of vehicles in this open park area; however, [redacted]

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Photography of [redacted] indicates that this area was utilized for the parking of 17 static display aircraft. The aircraft were removed from this area between [redacted] 25X1

A tank/assault gun firing range, showing traces of activity, is observed approximately five nm north of the barracks area. This range does not appear to be new.

WAC 201

Chita Army Barracks Peschanka, USSR, [redacted] (51-59N 113-33E). A medium level of activity in the training areas is evidenced by track activity on the tracked-vehicle driver-training areas and tank/assault gun firing ranges. Comparative photography of [redacted] indicates that a double secured area was constructed on the northeast 25X1 25X1

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edge of the training area during the summer. The function of the area cannot, however, be determined from available photography. No other significant changes were observed within the barracks area.

Choybalsan Complex, Mongolia, (48-04N 114-30E). A new graded earth NW/SE runway approximately 11,000 by 350 feet with a parallel taxiway, a parking area, two crossover links, and two end connecting links is observed approximately 25 nm west of Choybalsan at 48-05N 113-56E. The airfield was not present on comparative coverage of [redacted]

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A second similar airfield constructed during the same period and having the same characteristics except for a north/south orientation is located approximately 50 nm NNE of Choybalsan at 48-46N 115-12E. The Borzya, USSR/Choybalsan, Mongolia rail line is adjacent to this airfield. No aircraft are observed at either field.

The activity level throughout the Choybalsan complex appears to be at a medium to high level, and new building construction continues to be observed in several areas.

WAC 202

Bilituy Military Activity, USSR (49-49N 117-05E). Vehicle track activity is observed on the tracked-vehicle driver-training course and on the tank/assault gun firing range. Four lines of unidentified vehicles are observed in the vehicle park and a medium level of activity is evident throughout the installation.

Chernoozerskoye Army Barracks, USSR (50-06N 116-40E). Construction activity is continuing on this previously observed [redacted] new army barracks area. Two vehicle sheds and one barracks, previously observed under construction, are now completed. A medium to high level of activity is observed throughout the area. Four lines of unidentified vehicles are observed in an open parking area adjacent to the barracks.

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Dauriya Army Barracks AL-1, USSR, [redacted] (49-56N 116-51E). The large vehicle park which contained 800-850 vehicles and 300 tents on [redacted] photography now contains approximately 20 small tents/sheds and 10 to 15 unidentified vehicles. An estimated 200 vehicles are now observed parked in the barracks area. Many of the previously observed vehicles may now be stored under cover in recently completed vehicle storage sheds, and personnel formerly occupying tents are now possibly quartered in recently completed multistory barracks. Construction is continuing on at least five of the previously reported vehicle storage sheds.

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A medium level of activity is observed on the firing ranges, driver-training circuit, and within the barracks area.

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An estimated 800 pieces of rail equipment are observed in the Man-chou-li rail complex. This is a decrease from 920 pieces of rail rolling stock observed in early

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WAC 204

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Khabarovsk Army Barracks Sita River AL-2, USSR, (48-29N 135-27E). A new open vehicle park, partially secured on coverage, is now occupied. This new park, which contains 10 rows of unidentified vehicles and four buildings, is in addition to the one observed on coverage.

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WAC 282

Probable Military Installation, Iman Area, USSR, (45-38N 133-36E). Twenty new buildings are observed at the probable military installation reported in 18 nm SSW of Iman. Five probable barracks, six probable quarters, one probable vehicle shed and eight storage/support buildings have been constructed since photography of Two of the quarters were under construction at that time. Three vehicle parks in the area appear to be occupied.

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WAC 329

Otar Military Barracks North AL-1, USSR, (43-34N 075-12E) Activity throughout the barracks area and on the firing ranges appears to be at a medium to high level. At least one new vehicle storage building is observed in the vehicle park since photography of

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WAC 331

Active Aircraft Bombing Range, Ha-mi, China, (42-35N 093-14E). An active aircraft bombing range is observed approximately 15 nm southwest of Ha-mi. Numerous bomb and/or rocket craters are observed throughout the range area.

Comparative coverage of indicates that the range was not present at that time; however, later coverage of does image the range. Activity has increased since the coverage.

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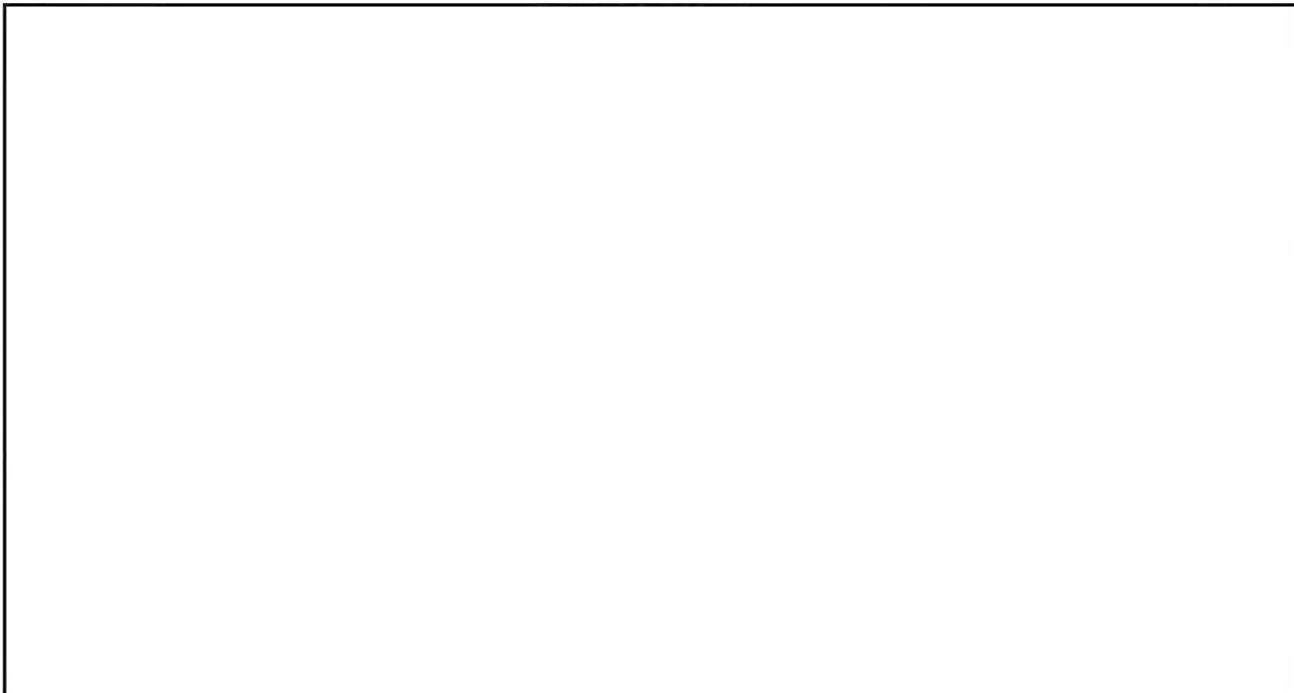
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